



ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Prepared by
Chris Germiller, Crime Analyst
Andrea Escher, Public Information Officer

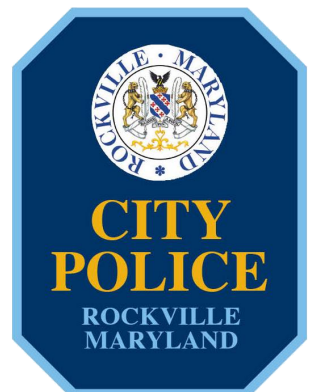




TABLE OF CONTENTS

01 A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

02 ABOUT US & OUR CITY

06 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

12 MAINTAINING ACCOUNTABILITY

13 HONORING OUR TEAM

20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report for the Rockville City Police Department. The Annual Report highlights some of the Department's noteworthy accomplishments throughout the year and documents our progress in meeting the goals and objectives for the coming year.

Our nation continues to experience profound challenges in the law enforcement world as well as still navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. I don't think any of us expected to still be masking, vaccinating, and not rid of the "new normal" at this point.

Despite all the challenges, we continue to focus on the importance of community policing and strengthening community relationships by demonstrating accountability and transparency. All the Department's accomplishments are a direct result of many people working together to do things right. Exceptional personnel and community support are vital to the Department's continued growth and success.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of the men and women of the Rockville City Police Department and express my gratitude to our Rockville community for their continued overwhelming support.

Respectfully,

Victor V. Brito

Victor V. Brito
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rockville City Police Department is to serve the public in partnership with our community, to protect life and property, prevent crime, resolve problems and protect the rights of all people.

VALUES

Service Orientation

Each employee enhances the quality of life within our community and our department through dedicated service. Our commitment to the community is to treat people with dignity, empathetically and compassionately while delivering high quality service.

Integrity

Our value as police employees depends upon the respect and confidence we earn from the community and each other. The integrity of each individual, as well as the organization, is necessary for the community to give us their trust. Without this trust, we cannot expect to form a partnership with the community.

Excellence

We meet challenges and adversity with perseverance to attain individual and organizational goals. Our commitment to excellence includes being accountable individually and as an organization to do the right thing and take responsibility for our actions.

Respect

Fundamental to delivery of professional police service is the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals. We value all community members, each other and different points of view, regardless of race, gender, appearance, economic status, individual beliefs or lifestyles.

Teamwork

Teamwork is essential to the successful operation of the Department. The team must include all employees working in partnership with each other and the community to attain our goals. We support an environment that recognizes mutual cooperation and group accomplishments while encouraging individual contributions.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT US

Located 12 miles northwest of Washington D.C., the City of Rockville comprises over 13 square miles of picturesque American urban and suburban living. The City enjoys a special place at the core of Montgomery County as its county seat and largest incorporated city.

Rockville is at the center of the I-270 Technology Corridor and is home to numerous software firms, biotechnology companies, and federal institutions, some of which have been ascribed new importance with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City also boasts several upscale regional shopping centers, including Rockville Town Square and King Farm Shopping Center. Rockville is home to Montgomery College, three Montgomery County Public Schools high schools, three middle schools, eight elementary schools, and four private schools.

Our population is growing and currently estimated to be 72,200 people, making it the third largest incorporated city in Maryland and a uniquely terrific place to live and work.

About Rockville City Police Department

66

SWORN OFFICERS

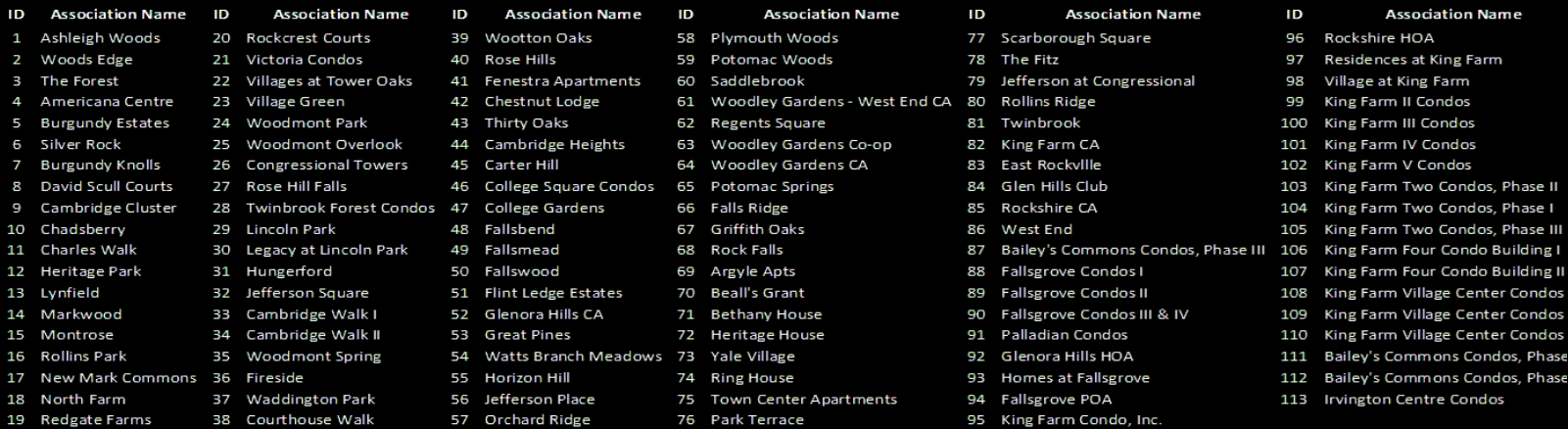
23.5

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

\$12,844,520

ANNUAL BUDGET

2021



ORGANIZATION

ABOUT ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE

2021



Victor V. Brito
Chief of Police

Office of the Chief of Police

- Professional standards
- Public & media relations
- Planning & research
- Accreditation
- Office of Professional Responsibility
- Emergency management



Laura Lanham
Deputy Chief of Police



Michael England
Major

Field Services Bureau

- Six patrol teams
- K9 program
- Special Operations Unit: Criminal investigations, Town Center, Traffic, Community Engagement Officer, Community Services
- Crime analysis
- Special events



Lt. **Jonathan Berry**
Acting Bureau
Commander

Administrative Services Bureau

- Support services
- Public Safety Communications Center
- Fiscal management
- Training & development
- Field training
- Neighborhood Services
- Parking & Photo Enforcement Unit
- Citywide security system

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

2021

Arrests by race, gender, and age

	Male	Female	Total
Black/African American	116	25	141
12 to 17	3	1	4
18 to 23	14	7	21
24 to 29	27	4	31
30 to 35	26	6	32
36 to 41	17	1	18
42 to 47	5	1	6
48 to 53	13	2	15
54 to 59	6	2	8
60 and above	5	1	6
White	61	23	84
12 to 17	0	1	1
18 to 23	6	5	11
24 to 29	11	3	14
30 to 35	13	6	19
36 to 41	11	1	12
42 to 47	3	0	3
48 to 53	5	4	9
54 to 59	5	0	5
60 and above	7	3	10
White Hispanic	62	13	75
12 to 17	1	0	1
18 to 23	18	4	22
24 to 29	11	5	16
30 to 35	8	2	10
36 to 41	12	0	12
42 to 47	4	0	4
48 to 53	6	1	7
54 to 59	1	1	2
60 and above	1	0	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	6	4	10
18 to 23	1	1	2
24 to 29	1	0	1
30 to 35	2	1	3
36 to 41	0	1	1
42 to 47	1	1	2
60 and above	1	0	1
Black/Afr. Am. Hispanic	4	0	4
30 to 35	2	0	2
48 to 53	2	0	2
American Indian/AK Native	1	0	1
36 to 41	1	0	1
Total	250	65	315

315
Arrests

61
Criminal citations
issued

61
DUI arrests

27.5
Civil citations issued

8,773
Parking tickets
issued

3,401
Traffic citations
issued

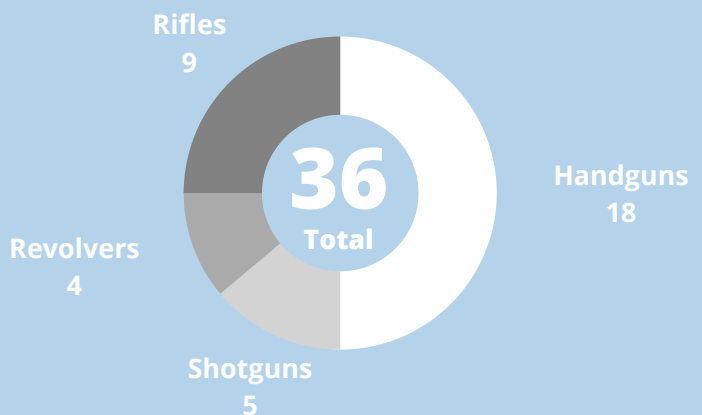
10,228
Warnings issued

1
Juvenile citation
issued

1,152
Vehicle equipment
repair orders

295
warrants processed by
communication center

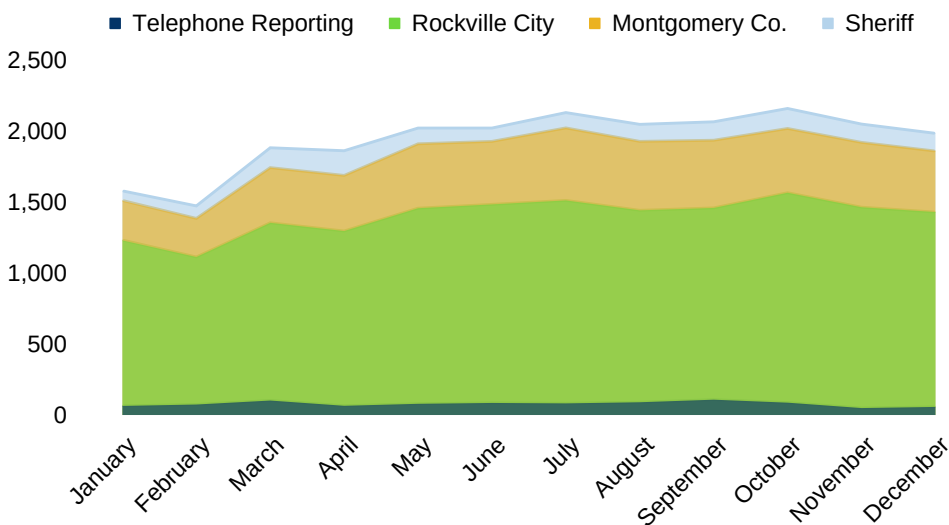
Firearms seized



2021 BY THE NUMBERS

2021

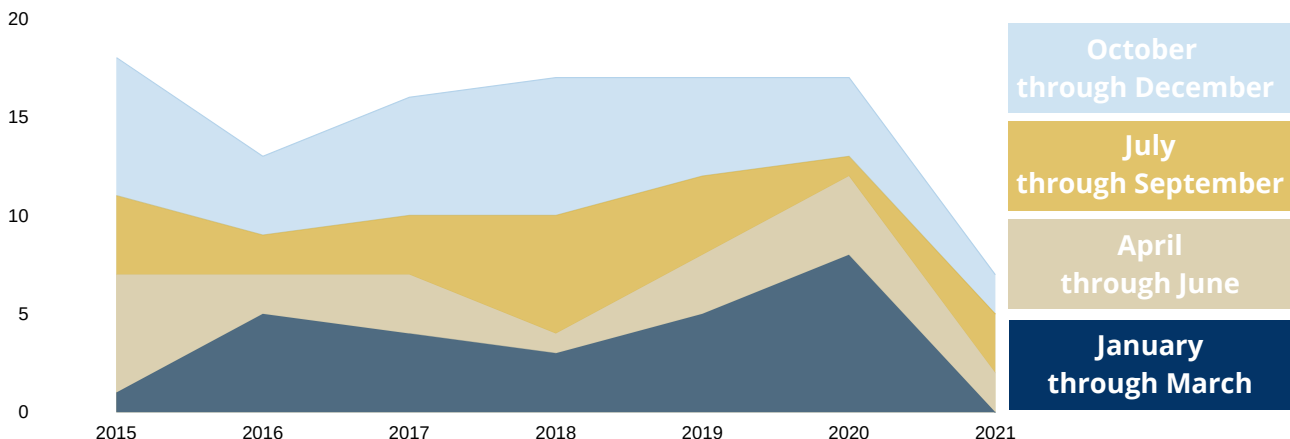
The Rockville City Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency responding to calls for service in the City of Rockville. In 2021, RCPD responded to 68% of the 23,292 calls for service in the City, alongside the Montgomery County Police Department's First District Station and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Residents may use the County's Telephone Reporting Unit for some delineated non-emergency incident reports.



Total Calls For Service

Rockville City Police	15,877
Montgomery County Police	5,045
Montgomery County Sheriff	1,428
Telephone Reporting Unit	942

Officers assaulted



YEAR OVER YEAR CRIME COMPARISON

2021

2020

422

crimes against
people

1,603

crimes against
property

215

crimes against
society

2021

528

crimes against
people

1,584

crimes against
property

159

crimes against
society

+25.1%

-1.2%

-26.0%

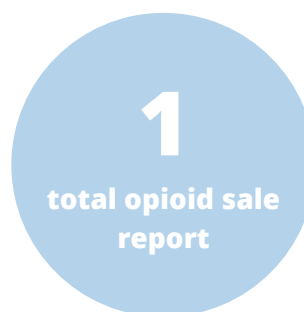
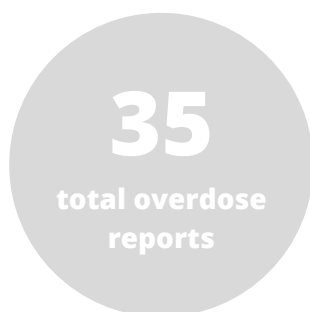
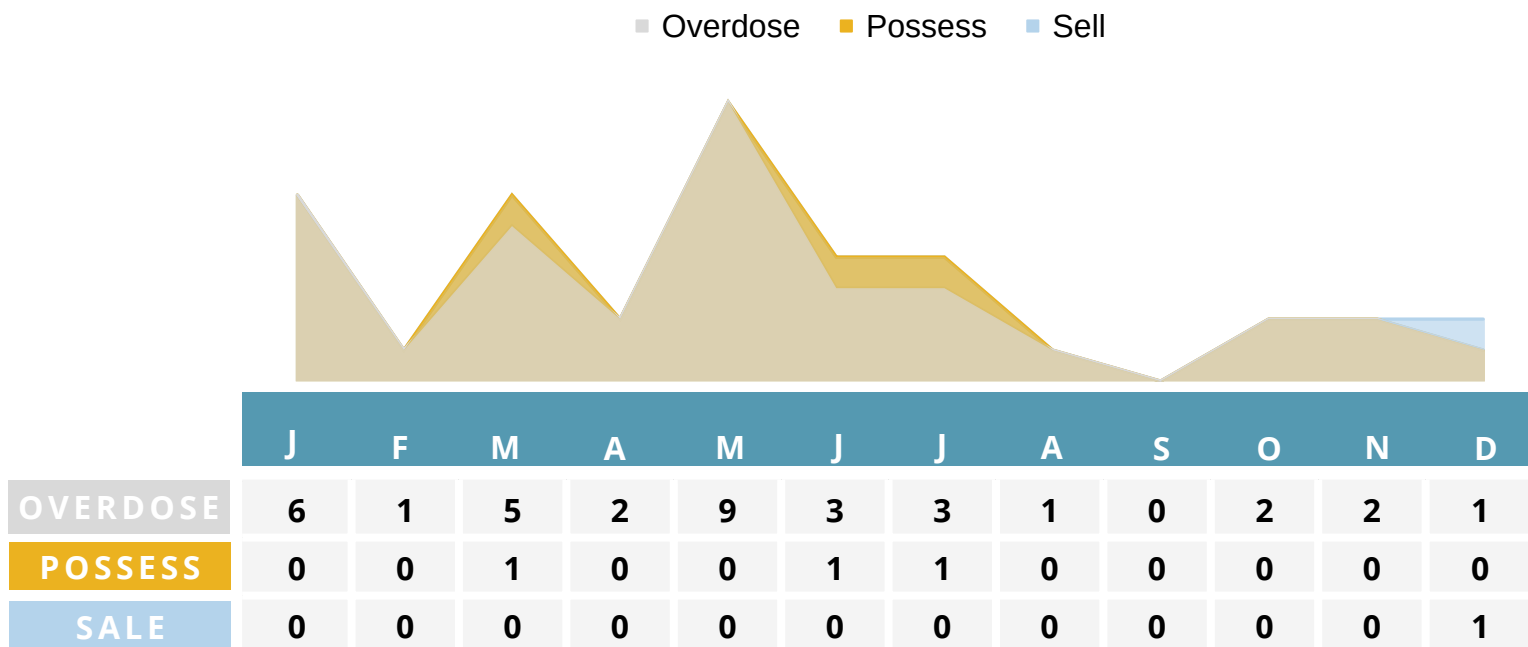
Offense Category		NIBRS	NIBRS Description	2020	2021	% Diff	2020 Closure Rate *	2021 Closure Rate *
Crime Against Person	Assault Offenses	13A	Aggravated Assault	53	79	49.1%	43.4%	65.8%
		13B	Simple Assault	299	370	23.7%	20.7%	16.2%
		13C	Intimidation	7	1	(85.7%)	42.9%	
*Total Assault Offenses				359	450	25.3%	24.5%	24.9%
	Homicide Offenses	09A	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	2	-	(100.0%)	100.0%	-
	Human Trafficking	64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	1	3	200.0%		100.0%
		64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	-	1	100.0%	-	
*Total Human Trafficking				1	4	300.0%		75.0%
	Sex Offenses	11A	Forcible Rape	20	27	35.0%	55.0%	48.1%
		11B	Forcible Sodomy	14	14	-	50.0%	57.1%
		11C	Sexual Assault With An Object	8	7	(12.5%)	25.0%	57.1%
		11D	Fondling	9	18	100.0%	44.4%	27.8%
			Forcible Fondling	8	8	-	50.0%	37.5%
		36B	Statutory Rape	1	-	(100.0%)		-
*Total Sex Offenses				60	74	23.3%	46.7%	44.6%
**TOTAL Crime Against Person				422	528	25.1%	28.0%	28.0%
Crime Against Property	Arson	200	Arson	4	5	25.0%	25.0%	40.0%
	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	94	94	-	10.6%	23.4%
	Counterfeiting/Forgery	250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	33	27	(18.2%)	3.0%	3.7%
	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	273	242	(11.4%)	7.7%	11.2%
	Embezzlement	270	Embezzlement	6	5	(16.7%)		
	Extortion/Blackmail	210	Extortion/Blackmail	3	9	200.0%		
	Fraud Offenses	26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	87	87	-	1.1%	1.1%
		26B	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	67	52	(22.4%)	6.0%	1.9%
		26C	Impersonation	4	7	75.0%		
		26D	Welfare Fraud	-	1	100.0%	-	
		26E	Wire Fraud	2	8	300.0%		
Crime Against Property	Fraud Offenses	26F	Identity Theft	83	151	81.9%	3.6%	.7%
*Total Fraud Offenses				243	306	25.9%	3.3%	1.0%
	Larceny/Theft Offenses	23A	Pocket/picking	8	4	(50.0%)		-
		23B	Purse-snatching	1	-	(100.0%)		-
		23C	Shoplifting	168	172	2.4%	37.5%	20.3%
		23D	Theft from Building	148	130	(12.2%)	8.1%	7.7%
		23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	283	224	(20.8%)	1.8%	3.1%
		23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	54	73	35.2%		1.4%
		23H	All other Larceny	183	189	3.3%	17.5%	6.9%
*Total Larceny/Theft Offenses				845	792	(6.3%)	13.3%	8.3%
	Motor Vehicle Theft	240	Motor Vehicle Theft	69	78	13.0%	24.6%	21.8%
	Robbery	120	Robbery	33	26	(21.2%)	45.5%	19.2%
**TOTAL Crime Against Property				1,603	1,584	(1.2%)	11.5%	9.0%
Crime Against Society	Drug/Narcotic Violations	35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	167	108	(35.3%)	68.3%	49.1%
		35B	Drug Equipment Violations	21	14	(33.3%)	61.9%	50.0%
*Total Drug/Narcotic Violations				188	122	(35.1%)	67.6%	49.2%
	Pornography/Obscene Material	370	Pornography/Obscene Material	-	6	100.0%	-	
	Prostitution Offenses	40A	Prostitution	3	3	-	33.3%	100.0%
		40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	1	-	(100.0%)		-
*Total Prostitution Offenses				4	3	(25.0%)	25.0%	100.0%
	Weapon Law Violations	520	Weapon Law Violations	23	28	21.7%	60.9%	42.9%
**TOTAL Crime Against Society				215	159	(26.0%)	66.0%	47.2%
TOTAL				2,240	2,271	1.4%	19.9%	16.1%

HEROIN & OPIOID SUMMARY

2021

While overdose reports dipped last year, in 2021 they rebounded. In response to this national crisis, all RCPD officers carry NARCAN on-duty in the event they find a community member who has overdosed.

Below one can find monthly counts of reports for opioid, synthetics, and heroin overdose, possession, and sale in Rockville City in 2021.



Pct. change
since 2020

+52%

-66%

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

2021

Calls concerning animals, including animal bites, all declined substantially in 2021. Even so, the City provided 78 more animal licenses in 2021 than the year prior.

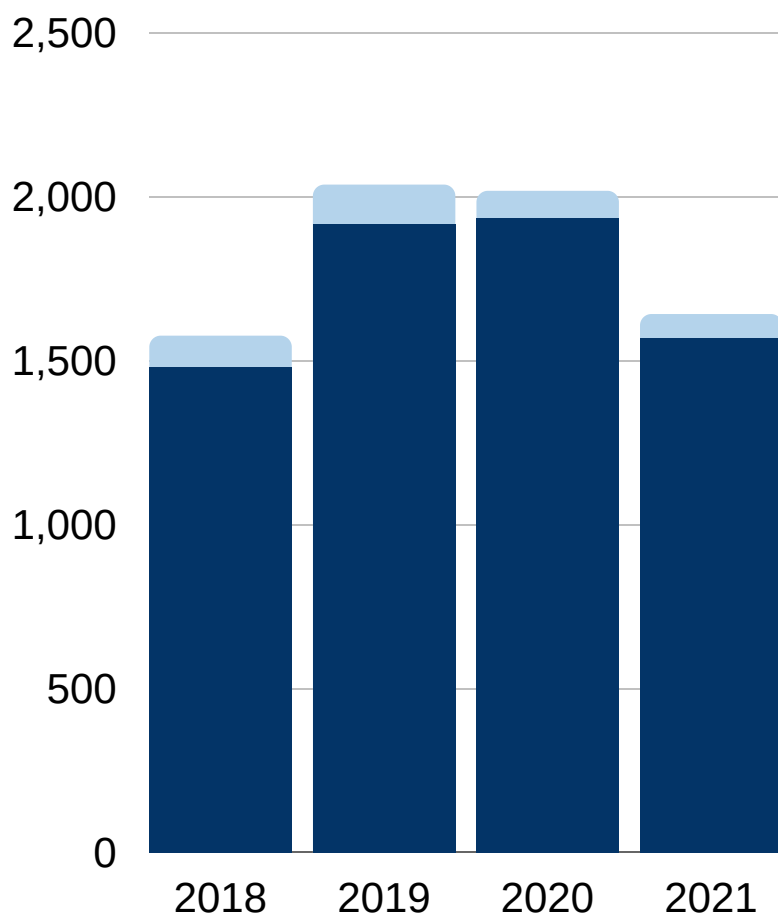


19% Decrease
of animal calls



12% Decrease
of animal bite calls

Animal calls, 2018-2021



72
animal bite calls in
2021

1,569
animal calls in
2021

2,368
animal licenses
issued

16
Animal Review
Official meetings

PHOTO ENFORCEMENT UNIT

2021

The City of Rockville's Speed Camera Program continues to supplement patrol officers' efforts to save lives, prevent collisions, and facilitate the efficient movement of traffic.

In 2021, speed-light camera citations rebounded after dropping in 2020, while red-light camera citations fell for another year.



	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Number of Speed Camera Citations Issued	27,399	39,194
Total Number of Red Light Camera Citations Issued	16,612	8,714
Total Number of Portable Speed Cameras Utilized	11	11
Total Number of Fixed Speed Camera Poles Utilized	6	6
Total Number of Red Light Cameras Utilized	10	10
Street with the highest number of speed citations recorded	Unit block of Eastbound Maryland Ave	
Intersection with the highest number of red light citations recorded	E/B Wootton Pkwy at Preserve Pkwy	

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT

2021

In order for RCPD to accomplish its mission, it must have the trust and confidence of the community. To demonstrate transparency and accountability, the Department has compiled an Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) report, which includes information about complaints of officer misconduct, use-of-force incidents, in-custody deaths, and vehicle crashes.

15,877
Calls for service

315
Arrests

278
Emerg. Petitions

10

Complaint cases alleging misconduct by employees processed by OPR. A disposition of “sustained” was determined in 9 cases.

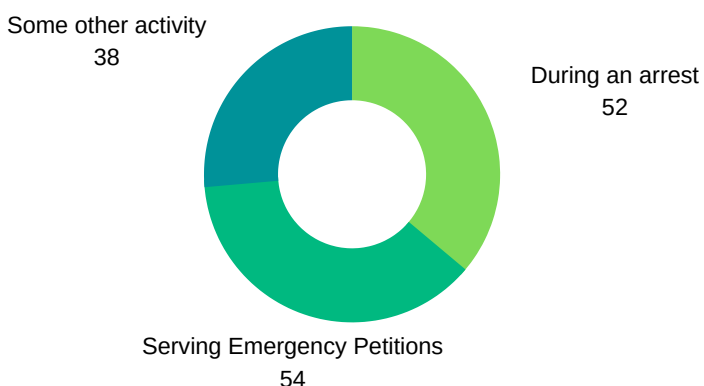
144

Incidents that involved a use of force. This represents about 24 percent of combined arrests and emergency petitions*.

*In 2020, our Department changed its policy concerning use-of-force incidents.

This new policy includes a broader standard regarding which circumstances constitute a use-of-force incident and, as such, these incidents may misleadingly appear more numerous than in the past.

Circumstances in use-of-force incidents



Of the 144 suspects involved in use of force incidents, 99 were male and 45 were female.

Additionally, 54 were Caucasian, 63 were African American, 26 were Hispanic, and 1 was Asian,

Employee vehicle collisions

26
reported employee vehicle collisions

16
preventable by the employee

32ND ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD CEREMONY

2021



With the coronavirus pandemic again cancelling a larger celebration, on September 8th, the Rockville Chamber of Commerce once again hosted a smaller event for each public safety agency in Rockville at Veteran's Memorial Plaza.

Several RCPD officers and civilian employees were honored for their lifesaving measures and outstanding acts of service to the community.

.....

The **Distinguished Service Citation** is presented to a member who rendered a service resulting in the accomplishment of a difficult task, the protection of life or property, the prevention of a major crime, or the apprehension of an armed and dangerous criminal, while also applying diligence, perseverance, or timely judgment in the performance of their duties.

The **Meritorious Service Citation** is presented to a member of a public safety organization or civilian community who deserves acknowledgement of a duty or task that falls above the normal scope of his or her job or that could easily gone undone or unnoticed.

THE DISTINGUISHED & MERITORIOUS SERVICE CITATIONS

2021



In a region filled with veterans, it is not unusual for RCPD officers to find themselves with servicemen and servicewomen suffering from depression. An officer must remain compassionate and patient in these precarious situations.

On October 15th, the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) received a call from the Veteran's Crisis Center about a veteran who was suicidal. The veteran had told the Crisis Center that she wanted to kill herself and then hung up. Calling back, ECC operators learned the caller had recently lost her housing, had no one to help her, and believed she was a burden on her children.

Learning that she may at a hotel in King Farm, members of Patrol Team 6 — Corporals Chris Sadelson, Justin Pieck, Nicholas Roy, and Sergeant Baquero — found the veteran in her car. The officers treated her with compassion and, although she was initially uncooperative, the woman developed a rapport with the officers and eventually allowed herself to be taken to a hospital. The coordination of this team and their compassion saved the life of a mother and veteran and allowed her to get much-needed help.

Both during long summer days and dark winter nights, officers must remain committed to their duty to deliver aid.

Shortly after 10 p.m. on February 3rd, officers were sent to check on the welfare of a man who had left his home and no longer answering the Suicide Hotline. This man finally called his wife, declared his desire to commit suicide, and told her that he will soon turn off his phone to avoid being found.

After hours of searching for the man, Corporal Zeighani redeployed his K9 partner Bolo. K9 Bolo found a scent and began leading officers into the woods near the Interstate 270 sound-wall. There, Corporal Zeighani found the man face-down in a dried creek bed, shivering from the cold. Fire & Rescue arrived, treated the man, and took him to a nearby hospital. The persistent efforts of Corporal Zeighani and his loyal K9 Bolo saved the man's life and afforded him a desperately-needed opportunity to recover his livelihood.

Even in an era of web-meetings, medical emergencies happen. Especially when patients are isolated, speed remains critical.

On June 16, Corporal Karl Plitt and Officer Joseph Fetter arrived at a residential building for a medical problem and learned that a man had fallen to the floor and was unresponsive during a Zoom meeting. Officer Fetter immediately began CPR, followed by Corporal Plitt, until Fire & bRescue could arrive and take the victim to the hospital. With the timely help of Corporal Plitt and Officer Fetter, the man recovered by the next day. For their quick work, Corporal Plitt and Officer Fetter were the recipients of this year's Lifesaving Award.



Corporal Ali Zeighani
K9 Bolo



Corporal Karl Plitt
Officer Joseph Fetter

THE DISTINGUISHED & MERITORIOUS SERVICE CITATIONS

2021



Lieutenant Jason West
Corporal Phil Parnell
Corporal David Trogolo
Officer Jeff Park

Being a police officer often means suddenly intervening in strangers' lives at their lowest point. But in these crises lies an opportunity to mitigate harm and begin a healing process.

Officers arrived to a home for a call about a suicide attempt and met a father whose daughter had left the house after an argument with her boyfriend.

The boyfriend learned that his girlfriend was in the area of Lake Frank. Driving to the area, officers found the girl's vehicle unoccupied in the parking lot. After they learned the victim had ingested a bottle of Valium, Corporal Phil Parnell organized a coordinated search effort, contacted search managers, and requested a Maryland State Police helicopter. While Corporals Parnell and Trogolo coordinated these resources, Officer Jeff Park and Lieutenant Jason West searched the lake trail using a handheld FLIR device and found the victim semi-conscious and under a brush pile several hundred yards from the nearest path.

Officers Park and West carried the victim over steep terrain where medics were waiting to offer treatment. Thanks to the hard work, dedication and teamwork of these RCPD officers, a girl's life was saved.

Joining Fire & Rescue on an emergency assistance call on March 7th, Corporal Tibbs found a woman armed with a knife, threatening suicide, who soon became agitated and ran towards a fence.

Engaging the woman and establishing a rapport, Corporal Tibbs became the situation's point-person. After he patiently spoke with her and allowed her a cigarette, the woman agreed to drop the knife. Within 30 minutes of the incident's beginning, the woman was safely taken to the hospital for evaluation.



Corporal Derrick Tibbs

Early in the afternoon of October 16th, PCO Alice Frishkorn received a call from an upset woman who said she did not know to who to turn and that she needed someone to speak with. PCO Frishkorn quickly established a level of trust that is critical for a positive outcome in calls involving someone who might be suicidal.

Alice asked specific questions of the caller's location, and the caller noted that she was on-duty as an armed security guard. With trusting conversation and reassuring dialogue, the two began speaking about the details of their lives and they agreed that laughter can assist in helping someone's state of mind.

In the end, the caller was very thankful for the time and attention Alice Frishkorn gave her and, even now, they keep in touch.



PCO Alice Frishkorn

OFFICER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

2021

FEBRUARY



Officer Jordan Santis

MARCH



Officer Alex Ventura

APRIL



Corporal Robbin St. Clair

MAY



Corporal Renae McEvoy

JUNE



Corporal Christopher Sadelson

SEPTEMBER



Corporal Nicholas Roy

OCTOBER



Corporal Renae McEvoy

DECEMBER



Corporal Christopher Sadelson
Corporal Jeremy Ziegler
Officer Jeff Park

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2021



Jeff Saleik

25

Years of Service



Ali Zeighani

20

Years of Service



Max Crago

PROMOTIONS

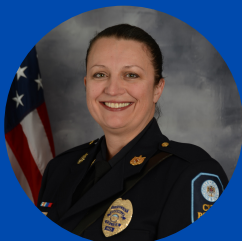


Lieutenant Jason
West



Sergeant David
Trogolo

RETIREMENTS



Jan Seilhamer

25



Marcia Ward

16



Rick Halverson

30



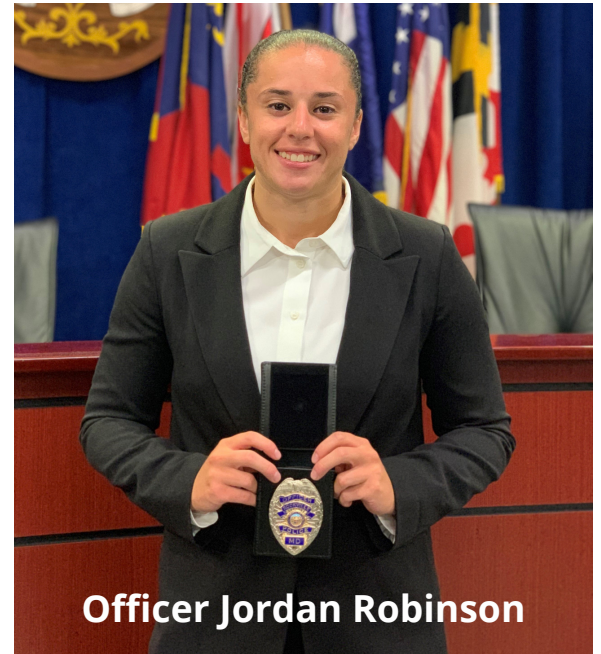
Stephen Whitney

30

YEARS OF SERVICE

WELCOME NEW HIRES

2021



ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

2021

YOUTH OUTREACH



ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

2021



THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE



DRUG TAKEBACK DAYS



COMMUNITY FIP TRAINING



SENIOR CITIZEN
OUTREACH



MAIN STREET
CONNECT

APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

